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For: MEDICAL VACUUM ASPIRATION)	Mail Stop Issue Fee
DEVICE)	

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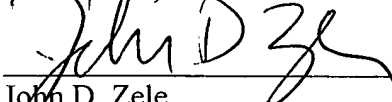
COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Applicants do not believe that the Statement of Reasons for Allowance in the Communication dated November 21, 2006 (mailed December 8, 2006) is warranted/proper under 37 C.F.R. § 1.104(e) and MPEP § 1302.14.

While Applicants believe that the claims are allowable and patentably distinguish over the prior art, Applicants do not agree that patentability over the prior art requires the features identified by the Examiner. Applicants also disagree with the Examiner's characterization of the prior art references contained in the Notice of Allowance and intend to file a continuation application these aspects of the invention.

Respectfully submitted,

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